



The Trestleboard



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Life is a game but golf is serious

OXUS Grotto #137 Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Greetings, All;
Oxus Grotto met in regular session on July 14th at 7:00PM. Before then and the day previously, a number of the Grotto members came out to begin to spruce our old building's interior up. Walls and ceilings were washed, and floor was scrubbed. On Thursday, regular meeting day, these same hardy individuals returned to paint and repair our blinds. Prophet Steve Sanders was going pick up replacement parts for some of the damaged mechanisms. All involved did a yeoman's job, and I thank them most heartily.
Prophet Jim (Smokey) McGovern provided the main meal, and I brought several different ice creams for dessert. As the meeting got started, it was discussed and decided upon that, since we missed a breakfast in April due to an earlier Easter, we would begin our fall schedule in August. Please mark your calendars for August 28th. Volunteers are encouraged to help out; please contact

Prophet Smokey if you are able to assist – the more the merrier.

There will be the third annual All-Masonic picnic at the Grotto on August 4 in the afternoon. Various meats will be provided, but please bring your own flatware and a dish to pass. Much the same as it was last year. Horseshoes and ring-toss games will be played. Please remember that this is open to ALL Masons and their families. It is a lovely get-together that comes (it seems) all too rarely in these busy times. (see Metro 49's submission for some very good information about the picnic.)

We are planning a trip down to Mohassan on September 14th – they meet the same week we do, just a day earlier. More on this in a later missive. In addition, at our October meeting, Prophet Dr. Birdsell will conduct a proficiency of our grotto. Once we pass muster, Grotto Supreme Council will be notified that we have done so, and we shall forever be enshrined in their records.

On August 10th (a Wednesday) there will be some more painting and spruce-up in the evening, and what isn't completed then will continue on meeting day, Thursday.

Please keep Brother Al Tischuk in your thoughts and prayers; by the time this comes out, he should have had some major surgery, for an aneurysm and insertion of some stents to strengthen the arterial wall.

All you Masons who are not members, please think about joining our fellowship; our doors are always open, and we'd love to have you!

Fraternally;
Wes Struebing - Monarch

**Dubuque Lodge #3
A.F. & AM**

**Thursday, August 18, 2016,
7:00 PM**

Greetings all!
Hope all of you, are enjoying the carefree days of Summer. Can't believe it's July and by the time you read this, time for the Fair. If you plan on going, be sure and stop at the Shriners popcorn stand. We are having nachos, popcorn and caramel corn, too!
Dan Tepley, Dave Patton and I went to the Shrine popcorn stand on Monday (July 18), to get it ready for the Fair the last Week in July. If any of you would like to work, am sure we can find a spot for you! ☺ Ha! Have a fun and safe rest of the Summer.

Fraternally;
Wayne Stanfley, Master

**Dubuque Shrine Club
September 21, 2016**

Dubuque Shrine Club is "dark" until September 21.

Ye Olde Trestleboard Editor

**Dubuque High Twelve Club
August, 2016**

While we are 'dark' until Friday, September 2nd, I plan to share some things that have happened over the last several months. I should also let you know that by the time you read this, the fair will be in full swing since it will be during the week of July 25th.
First, visualize April 2016. That's when I called in my reservation to attend the national convention in San Diego, which I put on my Discover Card.
Then, at the annual meeting of NCA in Algona, Iowa in May, I met a Mike Haxton – a High Twelvian from Overland Park in Kansas, who inquired if I planned to attend the convention in San Diego? I said I was, so he wondered if I wanted to

share room accommodations, and split the cost? Trying to save money, I agreed. Meanwhile, the plan was that my flight on June 15th would arrive in San Diego around noon, and I would be checked into the hotel by 1:00. At the same time, Mike was driving in from Kansas, and would arrive at the hotel about 2:00. (Again, no problem, and all was well.) (Now, it gets interesting!) On Tuesday night the 14th, we had a lot of bad weather here and east of Dubuque. Consequently, the morning flight was cancelled for Wednesday the 15th. No problem, I'll just catch the later flight, which will arrive in San Diego at around 10:00 PM. I then quickly emailed Mike to let him know the change in plans. But he never received the email! He then spent a good 45 minutes trying to convince the Holiday Inn staff that we were sharing a room. (They even had to get some of the national officers to vouch for him. He then paid for the room on his Visa Card. Still, all was well.) (Jumping ahead to Sunday, the 19th...) I checked out early to catch my flight back to Chicago. They then gave me a receipt showing a cost of over \$600 for 5 days. Assuming it would show up on my next Discover statement, I left for home. (I then figured Mike could pay me about \$300 – his half, later on.) Surprisingly, Mike emailed me that he, too, was billed for over \$600! To make a long story short, when he checked in on the midafternoon on the 15th, they put the charge on his Visa Card. So, instead of him owing me \$300, I owed him the same amount. Anyway, two weeks later, after several calls, and many emails, we finally discovered the problem. We were not double-billed for the room, it was all placed on Mike's Visa Card. Whew! Glad, that's over, and that it all worked out! However, next time, there definitely needs to have a better line of communication! Hope to see you Friday, September 2nd at noon for High Twelve.

Fraternally;
David Patton

Dubuque York Rite, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

York Rite is dark this month. See you in August.

Fraternally;
Shawn Evarts

Tri-State Morning Lodge #673 Friday, 10:30 AM, August 12, 2016

What we gonna do...hope that it cools off a little.

Thoughts that are not covered in our ritual. In the building of the Temple, there must have been hot days. Did they take a siesta? Did the worker get lemonade and iced tea? Did they work only in the morning and take a swim break in the afternoon? With that many workers, how were they fed and watered?

And yet, we know not a sound was heard or a voice of dissent. Our Grand Masters, King Sol and King Hiram of Tyre were able to put all of this together. Surely, theirs is the wisdom of the ages. Let look to them for guidance.

Respectfully;
Neil Millar - WM

Metropolitan Lodge #49 Next Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 2016

Brothers;

I am happy to announce the election of a new member to receive the degrees of Masonry. Cesar Gonzalez has been accepted to take his first step towards being a Freemason by receiving his Entered Apprentice degree. This means we will have to do some practicing to not only open and close on the first degree, but also for the rest of the ritual. In lodge we agreed to meet August 1 at 6:30 PM for practice. I would also like to see us gather again on August 8th at 6:30 PM so we can continue our practicing. At this time a specific date to

confer the EA degree has not been set, so please keep an ear open as things progress.

Additionally, we have quite a few activities coming up. Some are sponsored by our own lodge and some we have been invited to. Of course we have the request from the Shriners to help with the popcorn stand at the Dubuque County Fair. Hopefully there will be an update on the success of the popcorn sales for our next issue. We have our annual all Masonic family picnic August 4th out at the Grotto. We will meet at 5:00 PM and will eat at 6:00 PM. Please bring your own table service, your own beverages, and a dish to pass. This is open to your entire family and be sure to bring a friend or a prospective member.

September 8th is a national Masonic day of celebration at Mt. Rushmore. This is a gathering of brothers from across the nation to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Mt. Rushmore being completed. For more information, please visit www.visitrapidcity.com/masons As a side note, the news of this event was forwarded to me from our South Dakota brothers who helped us with our first Child ID event 4 years ago.

Finally, our lodge is in the initial planning stages to take a bus trip on June 3, 2017 to visit Minnesota as guests for a 3rd degree and a table lodge. Currently plans include a possible tour of the Shriner Children's Hospital. If we can get enough interest we will hire a bus so we can relax and socialize during the trip. Please save the date and more details will be coming as the planning continues.

Fraternally;
Chris Stechman – WM

Mosaic Lodge #125 Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Greetings everyone,
Happy summer - we are in the heart and heat of it now. Prior to our July meeting we met at the Arboretum and Botanical

Gardens for a potluck picnic. We had about 20 people enjoying the beautiful flowers, scenery and food. We even had a gentleman who just moved to Dubuque and read about the picnic from our website stop by to inquire about joining masonry. It was a nice change to be able to get members and families together for some good fellowship. None of the invited widows were able to make it this time, but we hope they know we are thinking of them, appreciate all the support they've given masonry through the years and hope to see them at future events. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend and make this a success. We then proceeded to the temple for a fairly short regular meeting. The lodge read Richard Pacete's petition for masonry again and voted to approve his receiving the 3 degrees. We have scheduled his 1st degree for Monday, July 25th at 7 p.m. All Entered Apprentices are invited to attend. The night prior to our meeting we also held two 1st degrees for Tom McGuire and Josh Conley. We are very pleased with our increase in membership over the last couple of years and are happy to keep it going. Several of our new members have stepped up and taken parts in the degrees. If you haven't been to lodge in a while be sure to come meet the new brothers and witness the steady activities we have going. Brother Shawn Evarts continues to keep the website updated and reported on Mosaic Lodge's new Facebook page as well, with links between the two sites. Brother Brian Kelley reported the next Child I.D. event is planned for September 11, in Anamosa from 10 to 4 p.m. We remitted the dues for 2 brothers and had to drop 2 for non-payment of dues.

At our next meeting in August PGM Edwin Blinks will present the Grand Lodge proposals and refreshments will be provided by Brothers John Wissing and Chris McQuillen. Hope to see you at these upcoming events.

"Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated with symbols." The idea of teaching by symbols and allegories is not new; all great teachers have more or less followed this system. -- provided by the Lodge Service Committee G.L. of Iowa

**Fraternally,
Brian Carroll, WM Mosaic Lodge #125**

**Julien Lodge 551
Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday, August 3, 2016**

The main topic for discussion was the September meeting of the Grand Lodge in Cedar Rapids. We are making plans to attend but no reservation has yet been made. Cedar Rapids is as close as Grand Lodge gets, so this will be an opportunity for us to increase our attendance.

We also discussed the Trowel Fellowship Annual Picnic. This will be Thursday, July 28, 2016; 6:30 p.m. Constellation Lodge at Colesburg will be the Host. We will bring covered dishes; the meat will be furnished but you must bring your own beverage.

We concluded our evening with prayer for those serving our nation and we ask God's blessing on those in sickness and distress and those whom you hold in your heart.

We hope you will make time to be with us Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at our Regular Stated meeting and Thursday, August 25th for Trowel Fellowship.

My Brothers, we always have a warm welcome waiting for you...and of course...

we'll leave the light on for you!

**Bob Ganfield for:
Worshipful Master Art Miller**

**Julien Chapter #125 OES
Stated Meeting Tuesday,
September 20, 2016**

Dark in August (No meeting)
Wednesday August 10th at noon-
Luncheon honoring 50 year members

Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

Summer is going fast. The school year will be here before we know it. Remember that we do not meet in August. September will be our next meeting. I hope to see you all there. Rebecca Rowe will be providing refreshments for our next meeting. In September we will get "back to school" also. So keep refreshing our parts and keep improving.

August 10th at noon we will enjoy lunch honoring our 50 year members. All members are welcome to join us. We ask that you RSVP to Sister Beverly Godsey, 563-588-4587; Sister Leona Hibben 563-556-0350 or myself, Sister Jennifer Diller 563-852-7442 to ensure we have enough food. We have several willing to give rides for those needing a ride. Please just let us know.

Looking ahead Grand Chapter in Altoona is coming up in October. If you are interested in going to Grand Chapter, contact Sister Beverly for the information and paperwork. Let's support Brother Russ and the other Grand Officers at the State Session. Have you thought about my challenge this month to reflect on how you are demonstrating the virtues of our heroines are in your daily life?

Remembering our heroines in our lives in a continual challenge. Now I challenge you to look at the verse our Bible is opened to during our meetings to your reflections? Do you remember both the book of the Bible, chapter and verse without looking it up? As you reflect and would like to share, please write your experience down. If you are unable to attend in person, we would love to receive a note so we may stay connected with you.

**Worthy Matron- Jennifer Diller
Worthy Patron- Dave Patton
Secretary- Beverly Godsey**

**Editorial Ramblings from Your
Humble Servant:**

I apologize to Brother Stechman for absconding with part of his

submission of Metropolitan #49, but in a fit of editorial decision, I deemed the following information worthy of a heading of its own. And, since from time-to-time, I do this, I thought it appropriate now. (Brother Stechman wears a few different hats in these organizations, as well.) The following is a list of urls for those Masonic organizations (which he belongs to) that have a web presence. Very good and useful information:

Metropolitan Lodge #49
www.facebook.com/MetropolitanLodge49
Mosaic Lodge #125
www.mosaiclodge125.com
Tri-State Morning Lodge #673
www.facebook.com/TriStateLodge673
High 12
www.facebook.com/Dubuque.High.12
Dubuque County Shrine Club
www.facebook.com/Dubuque.Shrine.Club
York Rite
www.facebook.com/Dubuque.York.Rite
Follow events and information for our MTA at:
www.facebook.com/Dubuque.Freemasonry
Dubuque Lodge #3
www.facebook.com/DubuqueMason

MASONIC CALENDAR

August, 2016

Tu 02 York Rite
We 03 Julien Lodge 551 7:30 PM
Th 04 Metropolitan Lodge 49
7:30 PM Eat 6:00
F 05 High Twelve DARK
Tu 09 Mosaic Lodge 125 7:30 PM
We 10 Julien OES Luncheon Noon
No regular meeting
Th 11 Oxus Grotto
7:00 PM Eat 6:00 PM
F 12 Tri-State 673 10:30 AM
We 17 Shrine Club DARK
Th 18 Dubuque Lodge #3 7:00 PM
Tu 23 MTA
Th 25 Trowel Fellowship 7:30
PM

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